

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A preventive or therapeutic agent for decubitus, which comprises, as active agent for treating the decubitus, an N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof, in an effective amount for therapeutically treating decubitus.

2. (Currently Amended) The preventive or therapeutic agent for decubitus according to claim 1, wherein the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof is contained in an amount of 0.1 to 15% by weight to the total weight.

3. (Currently Amended) The preventive or therapeutic agent for decubitus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein an acyl group of the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is the acyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

4.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing or treating decubitus, which comprises administering a composition comprising an N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof, as an active agent, to an animal or human being suffering from decubitus, in an effective amount to therapeutically treat the decubitus.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of preventing or treating decubitus according to claim 7, wherein the composition contains 0.1 to 15% by weight of the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof to the total weight.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of preventing or treating decubitus according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the acyl group of N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is the acyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

10. (New) A method of manufacturing a therapeutic agent for decubitus, comprising incorporating in said therapeutic agent an N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof as an active agent of said therapeutic agent, said N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or salt thereof being incorporated in an effective amount for therapeutically treating the decubitus.

11. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof is incorporated in said therapeutic agent in an amount of 0.1 to 15% by weight to the total weight.

12. (New) The method according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the acyl group of the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is an acyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

13. (New) An agent for prevention of decubitus, which comprises, as an active agent for prevention of decubitus, an N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof, in an effective amount for prevention of decubitus.

14. (New) The agent for prevention of decubitus according to claim 13, wherein the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof is incorporated in said agent for prevention of decubitus in an amount of 0.1 to 15% by weight to the total weight.

15. (New) The agent for prevention of decubitus according to claim 13 or 14, wherein the acyl group of the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is an acyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

16. (New) A method of prevention of decubitus, which comprises administering a composition comprising an N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof to an animal or human being, the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof being included in the composition in an effective amount for prevention of decubitus.

17. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof is incorporated in said composition in an amount of 0.1 to 15% by weight to the total weight.

18. (New) The method according to claim 16 or 17, wherein the acyl group of the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is an acyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.